

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-39 are now pending in the application. Claims 32-39 are added by this amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein and allow each of the presently pending claims. If the Examiner believes that the claims are not in condition for allowance the Applicant hereby requests an interview prior to the mailing of an Office Action.

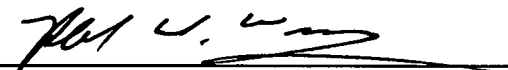
A Request for Continued Examination was filed on July 19, 2004 in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 18, 2004. An Advisory Action, however, was mailed July 20, 2004 after a response was filed on May 18, 2004. Examiner Willse indicated in a phone message to the Applicant's representative that a full response has been made and there is not a deadline currently running in this application from the Office Action Mailed February 18, 2004.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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